(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have taken a decision to grant assistance from NRF for the year 1993-94 only to the Central Government undertakings;

(d) what are the reasons for this partial attitude of Government; and

(e) whether Government are thinking to provide assistance as requested by Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) In the first instance, assistance from National Renewal Fund has been provided for implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme of Central Public Sector Undertakings including those in Gujarat.

Proposals for assistance from the National Renewal Fund have been received from Gujarat and other States. These will be processed and decided upon by the Empowered Authority on receipt of appropriate budget allocations.

Revival of potteries Ltd.

1464. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up any plan for revival of Bengal Potteries Ltd;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the decisions of Government about the future of the Unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) The Industrial Reconstruction Bank of India (IRBI) has undertaken a viability study of M/s. Bengal Potteries Ltd. The Government of West Bengal has been asked to identify a suitable entrepreneur who is willing to run the unit and capable of bringing in requisite promoter's contribution necessary for its revival. IRBI has also issued advertisements to attract suitable entrepreneurs.

Facilities for Small Scale sector

1465. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that lack of marketing and advertisement facilities are the two main causes for failure of Small Scale Industries as a whole;

(b) the steps Government propose to take provide guaranteed markets to Small Scale Industries; and

(c) the nature of subsidies being provided to Small Scale Industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Marketing being an entrepreneurial function in a free market economy, guaranteed market can not be provided by the Government. Nevertheless the marketing support is being extended to SSI units through various measures such as Reservation of items for exclusive purchase from SSI sector, Single Point Registration Scheme, Sales through marketing outlets by various marketing organisations of Central and State Govts. The management Consultancy on Marketing is being provided to SSI units through Management Development Programmes.